

**WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BALSCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON
6 MARCH 2023 at 7:30PM**

Present:

Cllr Harvey Marcovitch

Cllr Duncan Collins

Cllr Michael Robarts

Cllr Sarah Colbert

Cllr Fergus Garwood

Cllr Dominic Walshe

Clerk

Residents

12/23 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Marcovitch welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Ker.

13/23 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Colbert declared an interest in relation to the quotes being requested for leaf collection in Wroxton

14/23 Minutes of Meeting on 9 January 2023

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2023 were agreed.

15/23 Matters Arising

None. All action points completed since the last meeting.

16/23 Public Forum

A resident of Wroxton gave his support to the Laurels Farm application. He believes the application will improve road safety and is in favour of the potential to add a car park at the school. The Parish Council advised that they also support the application with caveats regarding access to the gate locking system and responsibility for maintaining the road surface from the North Newington Road.

17/23 Finance**Bank Reconciliation**

This was agreed.

Proposed Allocations

Cllr Robarts presented the allocations for 2023/24. These were discussed and agreed. The allocations contain £1000.00 for each village hall, whose treasurers will be advised accordingly. There is also an allocation for 2 new speed cameras, in the sum of 6000.00.

NALC Salary Review

The new pay scales have been published and the Clerk's wages have been increased to £13.21 per hour, backdated to 1 April 2022.

18/23 Council Business Decision & Discussions**a) Decisions:-****Leaf collection (Wroxton)**

Thomas Fox are increasing their charges from £240 + vat to £252+ vat per ½ day. Councillors considered that the last leaf collection was not completed satisfactorily at first and Thomas Fox had to be recalled to complete the work. Cllr Colbert suggested that leaves should be collected when they are dry, rather than waiting until they are wet, which makes them very slippery and harder to remove. This may mean having more than one leaf collection per year. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain 3 quotes for a dry leaf collection, including from Faye Eldridge.

Clerk to obtain 3 Quotes

b) Discussion:**Update on King's Coronation Celebrations.**

Cherwell District Council are offering a grant of £500 to the two villages. There are conditions attached to claiming the grant. Balscote Village Hall are hiring a bouncy castle and marquee and will be allocated £220 of the grant. £280 will be offered to Wroxton for their planned activities. Cllr Colbert will discuss this with Chris May as there are plans to hold a picnic event within Wroxton College grounds.

Cllr Colbert to liaise with Chris May re Wroxton's celebration.

Update on Speed Camera socket in Church Street

Cllr Roberts has contacted Dave Catlin at OCC regarding installing a socket for a speed camera in Church Street. He is waiting for a response and will update the Parish Council when he has more information.

Update on legal matters re Speed Detector

The Court has granted permission for the Parish Council to put a second charge on SG Manufacturing's property to assist it in reclaiming the monies owed as ordered by the Court. The existence of a charge should prevent sale or transfer of the property which appears to be the company's most significant asset.

S G Manufacturing have only just been notified of this charge and are being given 14 days to apply to have the decision reconsidered. **Cllr Roberts will continue to monitor and press for recovery of the amount owed**

Speed Limit on A422 approaching Wroxton

Another accident has occurred on the A422. The recent data downloaded from the speed cameras has shown that speeding through the village has increased. It has previously been suggested that the 30mph sign at the Stratford entrance of the village be moved back to slow vehicles down when entering the village. It was agreed that Cllr. Marcovitch will send a letter to express residents' concerns, supported by the speeding data collected in February.. **Cllr Marcovitch to write to OCC**

Memorial Bench

Andrew Shenton is preparing the bench . It will need to be installed on a concrete base. **Cllr Marcovitch will arrange for this to be done when the bench is ready.**

Salt Bins

The Parish Council are waiting to take delivery of the salt for the new housing erected at the Village Hall.

Wroxton Pond Railings

The broken railings around the pond have been repaired and the invoice settled.

Telecoms Pole by Wroxton Pond

Five telegraph poles have been erected in Wroxton to support a fibre cable network. One has been insensitively sited by the pond. Unfortunately these works were not required to submit to planning procedures and the PC were not consultees, although the Chairman did make representations to Cllr Webb (CDC) regarding our concerns.

Telecoms Mast Lease

The Parish Council is awaiting contact from Cellnex to renegotiate the expired lease. Fisher German has been appointed to represent the Parish Council in those negotiations. **Cllr Roberts will continue to monitor**

Sports Club Pavillion Update

The Sports Club has now paid their contribution towards the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance liability.

19/23 Clerk Update**Cemetery Bin, Sanctuary Land & Ragwort Complaint, Pensions Enrolment**

The Clerk has renewed the Brown Bin licence for the Cemetery at a cost of £39.00. She has also arranged for a new green bin to be delivered to the Cemetery, free of charge. The work on clearing up the Sanctuary owned land in Balscote has not started despite promises given previously. **The Clerk will chase this up.** Sanctuary has completed work on the garden of 13 The Firs, Wroxton in respect of the ragwort complaint, but the property is still unoccupied. Cllr Marcovitch has completed the Pension Form; Cllr Colbert will supervise Wroxton's clean-up and Bob Jesson had previously volunteered to liaise in Balscote.. The new dog waste bin has been installed in Wroxton, free of charge, near the school. **The Clerk will add it to the emptying schedule.**

20/23 Planning

Further information regarding the applications listed below is available online at:

<https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk>

New Applications:-**23/00363/TEL56 CK Hutchinson Networks (UK) Ltd Land South Of Garages, The Firs, Wroxton**

The installation of a 15m high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 antennas, 1 nt cabinet, 1 electric meter cabinet, 1 transmission cabinet and ancillary development thereto.

PC to suggest an alternative site

23/00459/Q56 Ragnell Barn, Street From Friars Hill To Ragnell Bottom, Wroxton, OX15 6FD

Conversion of agricultural hovel to a single dwellinghouse

Supported

By PC

23/00048/F Balscote Mill House, The Plain Road, Shutford, Banbury, OX15 6EY

Erection of replacement incidental residential garden building.

Supported

By PC

23/00130/F Laurels Farm, Dark Lane, Wroxton, OX15 6QQ

Demolition of 3no existing barns followed by the erection of 9no new dwellings; conversion and alterations to existing barn to form 1no dwelling; formation of new primary access from

Newington

Road, parking, landscaping and other associated works

Supported

By PC

0129/F Trinity College Grange Farm, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN

by PC

Erection of agricultural buildings, hardstanding and other associated works

Supported

22/03276/TPO Peacehaven, Manor Farm Lane, Balscote, Oxfordshire, OX15 6JJ

T1 - (Sycamore) - Crown reduction of 2.5m, removing up to 3m over the roof of Peacehaven' . - subject to TPO 06/2009.

Supported

By PC

23/023/00393/TCA Trinity College Orchard Banks, Main Street, Wroxton, Oxfordshire, OX15 6PT

T1 x Sycamore - Fell self-seeded tree

21/00517/F Land Used For Motocross, Stratford Road A422, Wroxton, OX15 6HX (Reconsultation)

Creation of a motocross track and soft landscaping scheme and the change of use of agricultural land to hold moto-cross events including set-up, take down and private practice sessions, with associated camping site, for up to 65 days per year and agricultural grazing (retrospective)

Applications still under consideration by CDC

22/03850/F& 22/03851/F

Balscote Mill House The Plain Road Shutford Banbury OX15 6EY_

Extension and alterations to Balscote Mill House, including alterations to attached former stable range to create new ancillary accommodation

Supported by

PC

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22/03307/F & 22/03308/LB **Outbuilding Approximately 5 Metres East Of The, North Arms Inn, Mills Lane, Wroxton**

Conversion of existing outbuilding to ground floor garage with first floor ancillary accommodation

Supported

by PC

MW.0158/22 **Wroxton Fields Quarry, Stratford Road A422, OX15 6EZ**

Details Pursuant to Condition 10 (surface water drainage) of planning permission

19/01760/CM

22/03245/F **Apollo Office Park, Ironstone Lane, Wroxton**

Provision of 8 employment units (Office, Research and Development and Light Industry), associated car parking, landscaping/biodiversity enhancements/works and provision of foul water treatment plant - re-submission of 22/00928/F

No comment

from PC

22/02241/TCA **Wroxton College, Street From Church Street To College, Wroxton,**

Supported

By PC

Trees

22/00055/TCA **Swallows Barn Manor Lane Balscote** Treework

Supported

by PC

21/01258/F **Wroxton Sports Club Old Ironstone Sports Field Horley Path Road Wroxton**

Installation of ISO shipping container on sports field for storage of field maintenance equipment, erect 6ft screening panels on three sides

Applications decided

22/03740/F **Clematis Cottage, Wroxton**

Renovation, internal alterations and extensions. Application to add dual pitched tiled roof over existing store and to refinish existing Kitchen roof in tiles (to match existing main roof) (Resubmission of 22/00286/F)

Granted By

CDC

22/03268/TCA **Balscote House, Chapel Lane, Balscote, OX15 6JN**

T1, Semi mature Ash Tree overhanging neighbouring garden, close to barn. Fell as is two close to buildings and the canopy is dominating the neighbouring properties garden. T2, Fell Dead silver birch, Honey-fungus present. T3, Reduce the height of a Dawn Redwood by 50%. The majority of the crown is dead with some decay at root ball with a lot of honey fungus present. Tree to be reduced to 50% to keep the stem as a standing feature to the garden. T4, Fell silver birch leaning towards the property and utility lines. T5, Lift lower two branches on Walnut tree, branches overhang fruit trees and restricting their light. T6, Fell drawn up Ash tree overhanging neighbouring property. T7, Reduce the height of the roadside beech hedge to around 1.8m **Granted by CDC**

22/03276/TPO **Peacehaven, Manor Farm Lane, Balscote (resubmission)**

Fell sycamore tree due to damage being caused to a Listed building and the access to the property. A replacement tree will be planted in the garden - subject to TPO 06/2009

Refused by CDC

22/03639/F **Ashfield House, Alkerton Road, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JR**

CDC	Carport with associated internal and external works	Refused By
22/03103/PIP	Land Adjacent to 5 Leys Close, Wroxton Erection of a detached bungalow, with gardens to the front, side and rear	Granted by
CDC		
22/03398/LB	The Priests House, Church Street, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6QE Replacement of 1 No small sash window to downstairs toilet, 1 No casement window to ground floor south elevation and 1 No casement window to first floor bathroom to the rear elevation with like-for-like replacements Granted by CDC	

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21/23 Any Other Business & Correspondence

The work that was happening inside The North Arms, which might have been in breach of CDC planning permission seems to have stopped.

Cllr Robarts will speak to Chris Jarvis regarding the litter issues at Wroxton Sports Ground.

Cllr Marcovitch will approach Balscote Village Hall Committee to check whether they require access to OCC's Gigahub project.

22/23 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 15th May 2023 in Balscote Village Hall.

Signed: Cllr Harvey Marcovitch

Chairman